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TO: ~~IMMEDIATE~~ ROUTINE BRIEF.

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WINTTEL.

SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST/AFRICA BRIEF FOR 25 FEBRUARY 1986.

FROM: DDI/O/CPAS

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1. PAKISTAN-US: AID TALKS

//A PAKISTANI DELEGATION LED BY NEW FINANCE MINISTER MOHAMMAD WATTOO ARRIVES IN THE US THIS WEEK TO PUSH HARD FOR INCREASED ASSISTANCE IN A NEW MULTIYEAR AID PACKAGE.

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WATTOO HAS "EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE" THE NEW PACKAGE WILL BE
"SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER" THAN THE CURRENT \$3.2 BILLION.

//THE NEW CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT WANTS INCREASED US AID
TO BOLSTER ITS POSITION DURING THE TRANSITION TO A MORE
REPRESENTATIVE POLITICAL SYSTEM. SUCH AID WOULD HELP IT DEVELOP A
BROADER CONSTITUENCY WHILE KEEPING THE SUPPORT OF THE MILITARY.
PAKISTAN IS AWARE OF US BUDGET CONSTRAINTS, HOWEVER, AND WOULD
PROBABLY SETTLE FOR A PACKAGE NEAR CURRENT LEVELS.

2. INBRIEFS

MIDDLE EAST

--//LATEST OPINION POLL SHOWS ABOUT 70 PERCENT OF ISRAELIS
OPPOSE ANY EXPANSION OF ISRAELI MILITARY PRESENCE IN SOUTHERN
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